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Examiner: S. Rodriguez

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In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 8, 2005 (Paper No. 03042005)

The Examiner is contending that the application contains the following fifteen patentably distinct species:

- Species 1. Figures 1 and 5a;  
Species 2. Figures 3 and 5a;  
Species 3. Figures 4 and 5a;  
Species 4. Figures 7 and 5a;  
Species 5. Figures 8 and 5a;  
Species 6. Figures 1 and 5b;

Species 7. Figures 3 and 5b;  
Species 8. Figures 4 and 5b;  
Species 9. Figures 7 and 5b;  
Species 10. Figures 8 and 5b;  
Species 11. Figures 1 and 6;  
Species 12. Figures 3 and 6;  
Species 13. Figures 4 and 6;  
Species 14. Figures 7 and 6; and  
Species 15. Figures 8 and 6.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, Species I, Figures 1, 2 and 5a for further prosecution on the merits. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional application directed to the non-elected species.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 17 are generic claims and therefore will be examined. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-20 and 26-47 are readable on the elected Species 1 as set forth in Figures 1, 2 and 5a. Examination and allowance of these claims are earnestly solicited at this time.

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